

# KENNEDY GANG

JAN – MAR 2010

## DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

OK, OK, it has been a while and maybe the suspense has been a little toooooo much, but then I think you may have forgotten what I am talking about! In the last Prayer Letter sent out we said there were some changes in the air for 2010, the words used, 'a number of changes on the horizon for us as we go into this New Year', well that horizon is just that and for some issues there have been a false dawn. Let me explain, and please bear with, some of these issues run far deeper than just the line or two it takes to explain.

- Firstly, we have resigned from InterServe; this has been our sending agency since the beginning of 2000, not an easy decision but one that needed to be made if we wanted to stay in West Africa.
- Secondly, there was a flurry of paperwork for applications for us to join TWR South Africa, this would then become our sending agency, but this process has been one of the 'false dawns'.
- Thirdly, change in email addresses, since you plan to write a quick email encouraging us, do have a look below for our new email addresses.
- Fourthly, and another 'false dawn', with the new email addresses there is a website, [www.kennedygang.net](http://www.kennedygang.net), but there is nothing there! So if anyone feels led do let us know if you would like to help set something up for the website, do remember to use the new email address!

We would welcome comments and opinions on any of the above issues, do realise these things have not happened over night and some of them have been points of real struggle. As you are a supporter of ours, and just by reading this Prayer Letter you have an interest in us, hence a supporter, you do have a right to comment, encourage, question and / or just voice an opinion. We do believe our ministry is here in West Africa, for the next little while at least, but at the moment we do not belong to any sending agency but pray as we resolve this.



Timothy and Daniel fishing

## BENIN OPERATIONS

All is well at the Transmitter Station out near the village of Serarou, we are well into the dry season and things are very dry and dusty, due to the Harmattan winds blowing in from the North. We have suffered a few minor interruptions to our transmissions, but fortunately nothing too serious.

Due to the very dry conditions we have had a number of veld fires to contend with, some we have set to try and give us firebreaks. Unfortunately, one Monday things all got out of hand and a fire swept in from our neighbours land and burnt about two thirds of our land, even burning most of the antenna field. We Praise God that no damage was done to the tower, antenna or feedline and broadcasts were not affected.

It seems all was lost but having the thick bush burnt out meant there has been wildlife making appearances that we had not seen before, mostly snakes, and we have killed a number of large adders. They do make for some good eating and given us something different to eat at lunchtime!

There is a two-week trip planned for Paul Cox, Station Director, and our three technicians to Burkina Faso, at the beginning of May. They will be joined by an Engineer from Canada who is coming to train and help install satellite dishes for local FM stations. This will leave Garth on his own to manage the Station and broadcasts, certainly an area for plenty of prayer!!!!

We have a number of people coming to help us out over the next few months, but I will give more details in the next Prayer Letter.

On to other news, Fiona had a great time in Ghana on the women's retreat, you did not know about that, well it was a last minute thing and she was able to go down to Cape coast in Ghana and have some good pampering and a spiritually refreshing time. Must say, I do not think the boys (all three) did too badly on their own, had some interesting times and went out and stayed at the Transmitter Station one weekend.

Daniel is doing well in school and survived his week with his father being the teacher, must say he was rather relieved to have his usual teacher back! Timothy enjoyed it even more as he was allowed to go to school as well and took part in class, although he did not quite make it till the end of the week, was not allowed to go on Friday as he did not do his homework properly, and so it starts!!!!

#### Our Praise and Prayer Items:

- Praise for all the decisions made so far and the good start to 2010
- Praise for the good time away just before Easter at some waterfalls a few hours away
- Praise for Fiona's time in Ghana and the boys having a good time as well
- Pray for the outstanding issues we are dealing with and still working through the decisions to be made
- Pray for safe travel for the team to Burkina Faso and the training and satellite dish installations
- Pray for the safe arrival of the various people coming to help us out
- Pray for various struggles we are going

Well there you have it all, not much space for general family info, apologies, but everyone is doing well, melting maybe from the heat, but doing well. Thanks!

God's Blessings  
Garth and Fiona  
Daniel and Timothy

**PS - late news! Fiona and the boys have gone to Burkina Faso for a few weeks holiday, pray as they travel up there and back and for a good time.**

we all went to the waterfalls and camped out there, well I did, I slept in a tent with the Sim family but mommy and daddy and timothy stayed in a hut, we did lots of swimming and we did see a snake in the water again but only once, funny never saw mommy in the water, also saw fish in the water.

i like animals and pets but my mommy laughed when i asked if some animals live all their lives without dying, it is a fair question, do not understand what the problem is. i have planted a garden again and i will see how things grow, but I have to water it all the time.

it has been very hot here and we did see a little baby in town and mommy said the baby was wearing a jersey, but i asked her what that is, i can't know (do not know) what a jersey is, i do not even have one, maybe one day i will buy one

we did go to the waterfillers (waterfalls) and had too much fun there, but i had to stay in the room with mommy and daddy and not sleep in the tent like the other kids

i can talk french as well, it is easy you do not even have to know all the words, just take le and put it in front of the english word and say it with a funny accent, then have mommy or daddy their to explain to the person what you are saying

### Timothy's Tales

PO BOX 13037  
NORTHMEAD  
1511  
GAUTENG  
SOUTH AFRICA



TWR BENIN  
BP 1039  
PARAKOU  
REP DU BENIN  
WEST AFRICA

EMAIL: [garth@kennedygang.net](mailto:garth@kennedygang.net)

EMAIL: [fiona@kennedygang.net](mailto:fiona@kennedygang.net)

WEBSITE: [www.twr.org](http://www.twr.org)

GARTH CELL: +229 95 42 77 58

GARTH CELL: +229 97 15 73 22

FIONA CELL: +229 95 57 34 56

FIONA CELL: +229 97 18 00 20

TWR OFFICE: +229 23 10 20 55

Daniel  
Kennedy

'Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God'  
PSALM 20:7